

(Rev. 08-28-2000)

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 04/11/2002

**To:** Ottawa  
FBIHQ

**Attn:** Legat  
**Attn:** PENTTBOMB Team  
SA [REDACTED]

b6  
b7C

New York  
San Diego

**Attn:** SA [REDACTED]

**From:** San Diego  
Squad 19

**Contact:** SA [REDACTED] (858) 499-7385

**Approved By:** [REDACTED]

**Drafted By:** [REDACTED] tr

**Case ID #:** 265A-NY-280350 (Pending)  
265A-NY-280350-SD (Pending)

b6  
b7C

**Title:** PENTTBOMB;

**Synopsis:** Set lead for Legat to contact service providers to determine identity of individual using IP addresses.

**Administrative:** Reference telcall between SSA [REDACTED] of San Diego and SA [REDACTED] PENTTBOMB Team, FBIHQ, on 4/16/2002.

**Details:** At approximately 3:45 p.m. on September 12, 2001, the Washington Field Office of the FBI was notified by the Dulles Airport Police that a suspicious vehicle was found at the Dulles International Airport located in the Hourly Lot, Row G, Dulles, Virginia. Department of Motor Vehicle records were reviewed by FBI agents from the Washington Field Office and determined the 1988 Toyota Corolla, with California license plates, Vehicle Identification Number JT2AE92E9J3137546, was registered to Nawaf Al-Hazmi, of 8451 Mount Vernon Avenue, Lemon Grove, California.

The vehicle was searched by agents of the FBI and found to contain a medical prescription for Khalid Al-Mihdhar from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] California, a receipt for car service at [REDACTED] San Diego, California, signed by Khalid Al-Mihdhar, and an insurance card under the name of Khalid Al-Mihdhar, 7091 Eskstrom Avenue, San Diego, California. Subsequent investigation in San Diego confirmed that both Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar resided in San Diego in 1999 and 2000.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 01-25-2007 BY 60309 AUC/TAM/MLT/LR2 Derivative

To: Ottawa From: San Diego  
Re: 265A-NY-280350 , 04/11/2002

b6  
b7c

On September 13, 2001, FBI agents from the San Diego Field Office interviewed flight instructors at the Sorbi Flight Club which is located at the Montgomery Airfield, San Diego, California. According to the flight instructors, in May of 2000, Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar began taking flying lessons with the Sorbi Flight Club. Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar expressed a strong interest in flying Boeing and jet aircraft. Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar were instructed that they would have to learn to fly smaller single engine aircraft first. Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar took approximately six flying lessons at the Sorbi Flight Club. Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar were mainly preoccupied with learning to control the aircraft while airborne and took no interest in takeoffs and landings and made little effort to improve those flying skills.

On September 15, 2001, Special Agents of the FBI made contact with a person named [REDACTED]. During an initial interview, [REDACTED] stated that he is a citizen of Yemen, was raised in Saudi Arabia, and entered the United States in 1998 on a student visa. [REDACTED] remained silent when asked if he knew Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar. He denied knowledge of the terrorist events of September 11, 2001. During subsequent interviews with [REDACTED] on September 15 and 16, 2001, [REDACTED] admitted knowing Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar and advised that he had met them at a local Mosque approximately eighteen months ago and regularly prayed there with them. [REDACTED] claimed that he regularly gave them English lessons and attempted to help them adjust to life in the United States. In July of 2000, he moved into an apartment located [REDACTED] California. [REDACTED] recalled that Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar were still listed on the lease at that time but were preparing to move out. [REDACTED] said that in December 2000 he moved into a residence located at [REDACTED] after Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar moved out of the residence.

On September 15, 2001, [REDACTED] granted Special Agents of the FBI consent to search his room and his home computer at the [REDACTED]. The San Diego Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory ("RCFL") subsequently performed a forensic analysis of [REDACTED] computer. The RCFL uncovered several web pages on the computer's hard drive which expressed strong anti-American sentiments. These web pages contained headlines such as "America's Campaign to Destroy Islam," "U.S. & Britian Kill Muslim Children In Genocide Attempt," and "Message From Bin Laadin[sic]: Declaration of War." There were also several web pages in support of the Muslims and their war against the Russians in Chechnya. Digital records from [REDACTED] computer revealed the email address MOHDAR78@HOTMAIL.COM.

Investigation at Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, California by the FBI revealed that the email address, MOHDAR78@HOTMAIL.COM, was provided by Mohdar Abdullah as a point of contact.

To: Ottawa From: San Diego  
Re: 265A-NY-280350 , 04/11/2002

On September 19, 2001, Special Agents from the FBI interviewed Mohdar M. Abdullah of 1415 E. Lexington Avenue, Apartment Number 146, El Cajon, California regarding his association with Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar. Abdullah related that he met Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar in 1999 in San Diego, California. Omar Al-Bayoumi asked Abdullah to become acquainted with Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar and to acclimate them to the area and assist in any way in their affairs. Abdullah assisted Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar in arranging travel arrangements and flight lessons while in San Diego, California. In early 2001, Al-Hazmi telephonically contacted Abdullah and informed him that Al-Hazmi was in Arizona attending flight school.

On September 21, 2001, a Federal material witness warrant, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3144, was issued in the Southern District of New York for Abdullah's detention. On September 21, 2001, Abdullah was arrested as a material witness in San Diego, California and transferred to New York on September 25, 2001.

On October 5, 2001, Abdullah was interviewed by Agents of the FBI in conjunction with a Grand Jury investigation in the Southern District of New York. Abdullah was shown and acknowledged writing a document that contained references to Stinger anti-tank weapons, "martyrs," "mortars," and "grenade launchers." Abdullah further explained that the document reflected his interest in weaponry, which was spawned through his relationship with an individual named [REDACTED]

b6  
b7c

Abdullah advised that he and [REDACTED] had utilized an indoor shooting range in El Cajon, California. [REDACTED] of Abdullah and attended the Al Ribat mosque in the San Diego area. Abdullah also knew [REDACTED] and stated that he was a veteran of the United States Navy.

Subsequent investigation with the United States Navy has revealed that an individual named [REDACTED] was previously enlisted in the Navy and had received small arms weapons training.

On September 22, 2001, Special Agents of the FBI executed a Federal search warrant at [REDACTED]. Subsequent to the search, a computer was identified by a resident of the address, [REDACTED] as having been used frequently by Abdullah.

A separate Federal search warrant was acquired for this computer, which was then forensically reviewed by the RCFL. Located on this computer was an email message dated August 12, 2001, from [REDACTED] with the subject line "SALAAM U ALIAKUM FROM KANSAS CITY.. URGENT RESPONSE NEEDED.." In the message, [REDACTED] said "PLEASE TALK TO THE BROTHERS IN SAN DIEGO AS MANY AS YOU CAN. COLEN POWELL STATED TODAY THAT THE US WAS COMMITTED TO MOVING THE EM BASSY TO JERUSELEM WE MUST ORGANIZE A MASSIVE PROTEST OF THIS STANCE WE NEED PRESS COVERAGE." The message was sent to [REDACTED] Further



To: Ottawa From: San Diego  
Re: 265A-NY-280350 , 04/11/2002

investigation revealed that numerous individuals used the seized computer to perform a myriad of functions, including checking email.

b6  
b7C  
Special Agent [redacted] advised that based on discussion with agents working Domestic and International Terrorism, the alleged terrorists involved in the attacks on the World Trade Center Towers and Pentagon collaborated and communicated with a network of individuals and organizations to facilitate their attacks. It is believed that they used the Internet, including email accounts to communicate with associates.

FBI analysis of the business records and email activity obtained in the investigation to date indicates that some of the 19 suspected hijackers used the internet to further their criminal conduct. For example, at least 12 of the suspected hijackers purchased airline and other tickets over the internet using email and giving email addresses as contact and confirmation points for their reservations. The tickets for the hijacked flights that were purchased using email addresses were all purchased between August 25 and August 29, 2001, further indicating that the hijackers had closely, and secretly, communicated to coordinate their scheme.

Upon reviewing the contents of [redacted] MSN Hotmail account, [redacted] agents of the FBI discovered an email dated 01/18/2001, from [redacted] that contained statements relating to possible terrorist activities. The communication contained, in part, the following statements:

"before, our plan was to go to the U.S, we would have a few people ready to plant bombs in very important buildings"

The communication specifies as targets; the White House, NASA, the UN Headquarters and the Canadian Parliament Building, among others. It goes on to say that "All this sounds impossible, but anything is possible". The author finally directs the recipients of the email to respond to the account [redacted] and tell him what they think of the plan.

A 2703(d) Court Order was served on MSN Hotmail for records relating to the account [redacted]. The results showed that the account was accessed from a number of IP addresses. MSN Hotmail keeps a record of every login to a Hotmail account and what IP address was used for that login. An IP address is a unique number assigned to each computer on the Internet. The physical equivalent would be a telephone number with country and area code. The subscriber records can be obtained for an IP address just as with a telephone number.

The following IP addresses were used to access the [redacted] account at the times listed:

To: Ottawa From: San Diego  
Re: 265A-NY-280350 , 04/11/2002

<u>IP</u>	<u>Time(Pacific)</u>	<u>Date</u>

b6  
b7C

To: Ottawa From: San Diego  
Re: 265A-NY-280350 , 04/11/2002

[REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] queried a publicly accessible database for information on the IP addresses used to access the Hotmail account. The address block [REDACTED] is owned by:

[REDACTED]

b6  
b7C

The address block of [REDACTED] is owned by:

[REDACTED]

The above list points of contact can be contacted to determine the identity of the person using each IP address at the specified date and time.

To: Ottawa From: San Diego  
Re: 265A-NY-280350 , 04/11/2002

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

OTTAWA

AT OTTAWA

Liaison with Canadian officials to have the following companies contacted to determine the identity of the individual who used the IP addresses at the specified dates and times:

All IP addresses beginning with [REDACTED]

b6  
b7c

[REDACTED]

All IP addresses beginning with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

♦♦